



# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## **Newington Volunteer Fire Department**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Board of Fire Commissioners**

#### **Regular Meeting**

**July 10, 2008**

#### **Fire Headquarters**

**1485 Main Street**

**Newington, CT 06111**

**7:30pm**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **II. ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioner's Ziegler & Jascowski**  
**Commissioner Stoddard-Excused for Vacation**

**Chief Chris R. Schroeder**  
**Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre-Excused**  
**DC Tom Gill-Excused**  
**DC Depamphilis-Excused**  
**DC Frank Papa**

**Captain John Montano**  
**Lieutenant Joe Lapierre**  
**F/F Bill Pollack**

**Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins**  
**Fmr. Dep FM Bob Roy**  
**Mike Fox**

**Jaime Duarte-Public-Eagle Scout Requirement**  
**Sonia Duarte – Public- Mother of Jaime**

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Fmr. Commissioner Gubbins asked about the progress with the bill allowing paid firefighters to volunteer in their respective towns. Commissioner Ziegler stated that the bill is now law throughout the state.

Fmr. Commissioner Gubbins asked when the new Engine #3 will be going out for bid. Commissioner Ziegler announced that the bid was awarded to Pierce Mfg. and should be completed early 2009. The approximate cost for the vehicle was \$ 488,000.

The commissioner asked how the budget was for the coming year and Chief Schroeder stated that we were given increases in some areas, we have the Pay-Per-Call program, and there were some Capitol Improvement items that were moved up. Chief Schroeder felt we were treated very well by the Town Manager, Mayor and Council.

Fmr. Commissioner Gubbins asked was there any reason that we can't keep the apparatus longer than the twenty years we currently replace them. Chief Schroeder explained that due to requirements by OSHA and NFPA it is necessary to replace apparatus at the twenty year mark. We use the older vehicles as spares and the program works well for us.

**IV. Communications**

Communications were read and accepted. The Chief's report was also included in the communications.

**Ledger Status**

Ledger Status was accepted as presented.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

The Pay-Per-Call program is in place and running smoothly. The next time we report on this program will be after the first set of checks are issued

Captains Fire Project is nearly complete and that we are waiting for is the administrative guide for ITT.

Engine #3 is in the process of being built and a delivery date has not been firmly established. Chief Schroeder feels that it will be sooner than we originally anticipated.

The Board met in Executive session to prepare for the Chief's review.

The issue of the West Hill property is being addressed by the Town Manager and he has started to review the paperwork associated with the property.

**OLD BUSINESS CONT:**

The Chimney's at Companies #2 & #3 are in progress with Company#3 completed and Company#2 was started today. The project should be completed within a week.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Schroeder mentioned a recent incident that occurred at the Cove in Wethersfield where a gentleman was boating and his truck became submerged and the only thing that kept the truck afloat was that the boat was still attached.

There were four girls in the truck and a young man came to the rescue who did not identify himself to anyone but it was noticed that his truck signified that he was a firefighter. The young man with no thought to his own personal safety managed, with help from another person, to rescue the four girls from the truck. The young man was Captain Jeff Kobylarz who happened to be at the scene with his family.

There will be a follow-up letter to the Department and recognition will be given to Captain Kobylarz at an appropriate time

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins asked if the board had an idea when the new engine will be completed. Chief Schroeder stated that Deputy Chief Gill has more information on the completion date. The Chief also mentioned that we are ahead of schedule due to the fact the process got underway sooner than anticipated. Chief Schroeder feels that we might see the piece in the fall. We also were able to purchase the vehicle outright rather than a lease agreement.

Fmr. Commissioner Gubbins also wanted more information on the West Hill property. Commissioner Ziegler explained that it was the narrow strip that runs along the side of the former Giansanti property next to the firehouse. There isn't much information currently about the new owner but plans are in the works to see if we could still purchase the strip of land.

**IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS**

Nothing at this time.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Submitted By: Sue Reniewicz

Board Secretary



